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CHAFEE ANNOUNCES FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR DISADVANTAGED STUDENTS

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senator Lincoln Chafee today announced that Brown University Medical School has been awarded a grant to provide scholarships to disadvantaged students. Distributed by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the \$142,421 award will provide financial support to as many as 24 students studying in the medical and health fields.

"Throughout the years, Brown University has developed a reputation of producing graduate classes that are nothing short of exceptional. Many of these graduates have gone on to make tremendous advances in the fields of medicine and health. By providing grants such as this to Brown, we are ensuring that students from all socio-economic backgrounds are afforded the chance to become part of that legacy," said Senator Chafee. "I applaud the Department of Health and Human Services for recognizing the great work this program has accomplished by providing a substantial increase in Brown's funding. This will allow for more opportunities to students to come to Rhode Island to obtain an education and give back to the community."

While many schools experienced a cut in funding for fiscal year 2006, Brown's award exceeds its fiscal year 2005 allocation by \$44,301. Monies are specifically reserved for students with environmental or economically disadvantaged backgrounds. Potential students earning \$20,000 or less – considered at or below the poverty line – are the target recipients.

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